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Sapru Announces Conciliation Committee Personnel

No Framing Of Detailed Constitution

SEARCH FOR AGREED FORMULA: SIR TEJ ON COMMITTEE'S LIMITED SCOPE

ALLAHABAD, December 3.

The names of following persons who have so far intimated their acceptance of membership of the Conciliation Committee are announced by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in a statement to the press.

The Right Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru (Chairman), Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad (Secretary), The Right Hon. M. R. Jayakar, Mr. P. R. Das, Sir Syed Wazir Hasan, Dr. P. K. Sen, Rev. The Metropolitan of India, Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Sir Ramalinga Reddy, Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, Sir Homi Mody, Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Mr. Mahammad Yunus, Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan, Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, Dr. John Matthai, Mr. Frank R. Anthony, Dr. Sacchhidananda Sinha, Sardar Sant Singh, Mr. B. L. Rallia Ram and Mr. Nabi Baksh Mohammad Hussain.

More Acceptances Expected

Sir Tej says: A few more acceptances from other Hindu and Muslim publicmen and also from members of the Scheduled Castes are expected. I am waiting for a reply from a Sikh gentleman. As soon as other acceptances have been received, I shall issue the names to the press. Two Muslim retired Judges of High Courts, who were approached, have written to me that but for the fact that they are at present holding high offices they would have gladly joined the committee. One of them, however, may reconsider the position if he is relieved of his present office within the next few weeks. I am awaiting a reply from a third retired High Court Judge. If during the course of investigation, it is found desirable to invite some others to join the committee I shall gladly do so.

"Material for the consideration of the Committee is being collected and as soon as it has been printed, it will be supplied to all the members of the Committee. Date will be fixed by me for the first meeting at some convenient place.

"I shall very soon address letters to the leaders of the various parties and organisations requesting them to allow me and one or two other members of the committee to see them personally. Meanwhile, it is intended to invite expressions of opinion by way of memoranda from different organisations and leaders. All this material will be laid before the committee.

COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURE

"The Committee will be free to devise its own procedure. It is intended to publish all important papers along with the report of the Committee. While every attempt will be made to expedite the work of the Committee, it may be necessary to extend the time originally fixed for its completion.

"Speaking for myself I can say that I stand committed to the views of no particular party on the controversial questions before the Committee and I am sure that it is the desire of all those who have agreed to serve on the Committee to approach the questions placed before them on their merits with due regard to every point of view. It is obvious that under the terms of the resolution appointing this Committee which has already appeared in the Press, the field of work is limited. We are not attempting to frame a detailed constitution. What we wish to investigate is whether there is a possibility of reconciling conflicting views and of suggesting a basis on which a constitutional structure may be built. The Committee will for this purpose, welcome and be grateful for help from every quarter.

"Kunwar Sir Jagdish Prasad will be the Secretary of the Committee. An office of the Committee is being set up in New Delhi at 7, Barakhamba Road. Sjt. K. Santhanam will be in charge of this office as Joint Secretary to the Committee. All correspondence which is intended for my personal consideration may be sent to me at Allahabad while memoranda and correspondence addressed to the Committee should be sent to the Delhi office."—

Personnel Analysis

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 3.—Among the 22 persons who have so far intimated their acceptance to serve on the Conciliation Committee, there are five ex-councillors of the Viceroy's Executive Council, three ex-Prime Ministers of Premier Indian states, one ex-Judge of the Federation Court, three ex-Judges of High Courts three Vice-Chancellors, three members of the Central Legislature and two editors of prominent daily English newspapers.—A. P.

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U. S. EXPRESSES "DEEP REGRET" TO MOSCOW

Strafing Of Russian Column Due To Mistake In Target Identification

ALLIED H.Q. MEDITERRANEAN, Dec. 3.

The United States Joint Chief-of-Staff in Washington have expressed their deep regret to Moscow for strafing of a Russian column in Yugoslavia by a squadron of United States Air Force fighters on November 1. The announcement explained that the error was due to a mistake in target identification due to faulty navigation.

ADVANCE TOWARDS RUSSI

To-day's Allied communique says: "The Eighth Army have continued their advance between the Montone and Lamone rivers against determined resistance and are now less than two miles from the town of Russi. West of Faenza, troops of both the Fifth and Eighth armies have occupied hill features previously held by the enemy.

SHIPPING IN GULF OF VENICE ATTACKED

AIR: Allied aircraft of the tactical airforce carried out a largescale effort yesterday against German supply lines in northern Italy as well as targets of many kinds over the whole battle fronts.

Medium bombers hit bridges and causeways on the Brenner route. Oil and rail targets in Germany and Austria were attacked by heavy bombers of strategical aircraft. Coastal aircraft attacked small shipping in the gulf of Venice and enemy transport in Northern Italy.

RIOTING IN ROME

ROME, Dec. 3.

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent.)

Rioting swayed through the central Roman streets adjoining Quirino theatre at noon when serried squads of Communist and other Republican youths lay in wait for similar groups of Royalists emerging from the first big Royalist meeting held in liberated Rome.

Mounted "Carabinieri" rode into the crowds after the police on foot had failed to disperse them.

Groups of Republicans including one or two armed with wooden hammers and other primitive weapons attacked monarchist ringleaders who were rescued by the police.—Reuter.

"SFORZA IS MY FRIEND"

LONDON, Dec. 3: The Rome Radio last night said: Signor Bonomi made the following statement about Mr. Eden's reference to Count Sforza "I ascribe this incident to an error of transmission. One should probably read 'Badoglio' Government and not, 'Bonomi' Government. I am bound to Count Sforza as an old friend, and though we may disagree on some points. I have no reason to believe that he might have failed me".—Reuter.

ALLIES TAKE KALEWA

East African Forces' Success In Burma

KANDY, Dec. 3: To-day's S. E. A. C. "communique" says:

CHINDWIN FRONT: East African troops advancing from the Myittha Gorge have captured Kalewa. Other East African troops who had pushed south along the east bank of the Chindwin later linked up with the forces in Kalewa.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA:—Chinese troops in the south-east sector at Bhamo improved their salient into Japanese defences yesterday by slight gains to the north and east.

RAID ON TARGET NEAR BANGKOK

Heavy bombers of Eastern Air Command last night attacked a target near Bangkok. Earlier in the day they bombed the railway at Pyinmana. Other aircraft hit enemy positions in the Chindwin region yesterday. One Allied aircraft is missing".

RETREAT OF BURMA ARMY RECALLED

From Michael McDonagh, Reuter's Special Correspondent: With the capture of Kalewa, the East Africans have scored their first victory over the Japanese. The Japanese escaping from Kalewa could cross the Chindwin to Ye-Du road. It is along this road through mountainous country, the Burma Army retreated to India in 1942.

MANIPUR MAHARAJA'S COBONATION

KANDY, Dec. 3: The Fourteenth Army Commander, General Slim, was present at the coronation at Imphal of Bodh Chandra Singh, young Maharaja of the ancient state of Manipur, writes Alan Humphreys A. P. I. Correspondent. This first big state function in Imphal was taken on the advice of astrologers and the "wise women of Manipur".—A. P.

No British General Election Before November

LONDON, Dec. 2.—There will be no British general election before next November. This, says Reuter's Political correspondent, is the growing impression in Parliamentary circles despite the Prime Minister's speech in which some read the hint of an appeal to the country by early summer.—Reuter.

SOVIET INTERESTS IN DARDANELLES

Vishinky's Proposed Mission To Ankara

MOSCOW: It is stated that the Soviet Government will be sending M. Vishinky, the Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs, to Turkey very shortly to initiate important discussions on post-war relations between the two countries. It is learnt that the discussions would relate to Soviet interests in Dardanelles and Eastern Mediterranean.—India Press Service.

LATHI CHARGE AT MUSIC CONFERENCE!

PATNA, Dec. 3.

A large number of students and members of the public who were refused admission last night on the ground of dearth of accommodation in the pandal in the Music Conference now being held in the Patna University compound in connection with the University's Silver Jubilee forced their entrance and it is reported that the police in order to disperse them made a lathi charge injuring some.

The artistic gate which was erected was set on fire by some members of the mob and it was completely burnt down.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

RUSSIANS CAPTURE MISKOLO

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.—A second order of the day to-night confirms that the Russians have captured Miskolo important railway junction 80 miles north-east of Budapest.

FOCUS OF JAPANESE EFFORT IN CHINA

ARROWS SHOW THE POSITION OF TWO JAPANESE DRIVES DIRECTED AT HENGYANG. STARS SHOW AMERICAN AIR BASES IN CHINA WHICH HAVE BEEN ABANDONED DURING THE JAPANESE ADVANCE. LINES ARE APPROXIMATE FRONTS.—USOWI MAP, DECEMBER 1, 1944.

GERMANS EVACUATE HUNGARIAN TOWN

ALLIES OCCUPY SEVERAL VILLAGES IN RUHR VALLEY

LONDON, Dec. 3.

The German News Agency announces that German and Hungarian troops have evacuated the Hungarian town of Miskolcs 80 miles north-east of Budapest.

S. H. A. E. F., Dec. 3: To-day's "communique" says: "Allied forces which entered Linnich were mopping up in the town yesterday. To the south we have cleared Roerdorf and fighting continued a Flossdorf and in Inden where the action was fierce.

Our ground forces enlarged their control of the Roer river bank above and below Mersig and entered the town of Rehlingen.

Medium light and fighter bombers' struck at enemy positions and other targets in the Saarbrucken region, destroyed a railway bridge near Saargemund and set on fire oil and ammunition dumps at Pirmasens. South-east of Saarunion, our forces made gains of approximately two miles and reached the vicinity of Mackweiler. The enemy was forced from the area on the west bank of the Rhine near Strasbourg. In his retreat he blew up three bridges across the Rhine.

Fighter bombers attacked the railway yard at Rastatt and Offenburg. On the Alsace plain we have reached Selestat where house to house fighting continues. In southern high Vosges, our forces pushed into the upper Ruhr river valley and occupied several villages.

BERLIN "COMMUNIQUE"

BERLIN, Dec. 3: To-day's German "communique" reported northwest of Geilenkirchen tank troops and grenadiers are enaged in "heavy defensive fighting with enemy forces who were able to break into the main battlefield on small sectors."

Near Sarrelouis and between Sarralbe and the Upper Vosges, German positions in single sectors were slightly pushed back.

Bitter house-to-house fighting is raging in Schlettstadt 25 miles south-west of Strasbourg where the Allies have penetrated into the town.

In central Italy, battle is raging north of Forli. In southern Hungary the Russians are maintaining strong pressure west of Pecs. Hard battles continue near Miskolcs.—Reuter.

ENEMY DEFENCE BASE CAPTURED

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.—Marshal Stalin in an order of the day to-night announced the captured of Satoralja Ujhely, which was described as an important communications centre and enemy defence base in Hungary. The order was addressed to Gen. Petrov.—

Ferocious Fighting North Of Pecs

The well-known Soviet Military Commentator, Colonel Karpov, said, Soviet troops have almost reached the Slovak-Hungarian border which means that before long the battle will be shifted to Hungarian territory on another sector. This will make things still more awkward for the Germans and Hungarians north and north-east of Miskolc. The German position is further complicated by the fact that having taken Eger Red Army units are pushing north and threatening the rear of their north-eastern grouping."

Karpov described the fighting north of Pecs as 'ferocious'.—Reuter.

TWIN SUCCESS BY PATTON'S MEN

Further Penetration Into Saar Union

Reuter's Special Correspondent with United States Third Army cabled on Saturday night: A twin success was won by General Patton's men who in addition to seizing almost all of Saarlautern on the west bank of River Saar have also penetrated into Saar Union further to the south where street fighting is now going on. Other Third Army troops marched half a mile to extend their front along the west bank of the Saar in the Merzig area to eleven miles backing up the attack. Allied planes flew over three hundred sorties bombing and strafing German fortifications and troop and tank concentrations on the Saar front. The Germans counter-attacked with between forty and fifty tanks at Mackwilier, four miles south-east of Saar Union, and made small gains.

American Troops In Saarlautern

With the United States Third Army, Saturday: American troops have entered the outskirts of Saarlautern after a two-mile advance. Before attack, the city and Siegfried fortifications were heavily bombed and shelled.—Reuter.

British Assurance To Greece

LONDON, Dec. 2: The following statement was issued from Downing Street, tonight: "The Prime Minister wishes it to be known that General Scobie's message of December first to the Greek people stressing the need for unity and emphasising our full support of the present Greek Government was made with the knowledge and entire approval of His Majesty's Government."

General Scobie, who is General Officer Commanding Greece, in yesterday's message said: "I will protect you and the Government against attempts at 'coup de'tat' or active unconstitutional violence."—Reuter.

POLICE OPEN FIRE ON ATHENS DEMONSTRATORS

ATHENS, Dec. 3.

Greek Government police opened fire with machine-guns and tommy-guns on several thousand E. A. M. demonstrators marching past the Royal Palace in Athens at 11 (G. M. T.) to-day.

The police poured thousand rounds into the mass of demonstrators. Two lorryloads of E. A. M. wounded and dead were carried off.

The demonstrators included many young women and girls several of whom were wounded. A few British armoured cars were on the scene when the police first opened fire.

Others which arrived later parked their vehicles among the scattered remains of demonstrators.

British troops did not open fire at any stage of the fight. British lorries which closely treaded their way through the area were cheered by demonstrators. As far as could be ascertained, the demonstrators were all unarmed. After half an hour's firing by police, E. A. M. slowly reformed and with banners of the United Nations aloft continued their march through the city.

General Scoble declared 'no British troops have been involved in what has taken place'.—Reuter.

Nazi Activity Over England

LONDON, Dec. 3.—During the period from the dawn of yesterday to 7 a.m. today there has been German air activity directed against Southern England. Damage and casualties have been reported.

TWO NAZI SHIPS SUNK

An Admiralty Communique today said His Majesty's submarine 'Sceptre' on surface patrol off the Norwegian coast recently sank one large German supply ship of 6,000 tons and another medium-size supply vessel. During recent patrols 'Sceptre' has sunk seven supply ships.

Gelder Sends Danger Signal From Chungking

"IF PRESENT RAPID JAP DRIVE LEADS TO LOSS OF KUNMING, INDO-CHINA ROAD WILL BE USELESS"

LONDON, December 3.

"China is in danger of losing all supplies. A Japanese thrust is threatening a vital base", writes Mr. Stuart Gelder, the "News Chronicle" correspondent from Chungking to-day.

"China is facing to-day a most critical situation of the war. The Japanese in very considerable strength are advancing rapidly towards Kweiyang, a town of highways leading to Kunming, terminal for air supplies, and to Chungking.

YUNNAN MUST BE HELD AT ALL COSTS

"Unless China is to become untenable for the American forces the Province of Yunnan must be held at all costs. The 14th Air Force are bombing and strafing oncoming columns, but air power alone cannot even check them effectively.

"Japanese cavalry units are moving forward by day and night at considerable speed. By night they cannot be attacked from air. By day they are able to take advantage of the natural cover over every mile of the mountain road.

"As the main columns press up the road other units are infiltrating over wide areas. Only most determined counter-measures by the Chinese infantry supported by aircraft can retrieve the situation.

COMMUNIST COOPERATION

"If Weiyang falls the gateway to Kunming opens.

"General Chou Eh Lai, Communist Leader, who came from Yenan at the suggestion of the Generalissimo for talks with him, said to me: 'The situation is serious and we must all do our best now to co-operate to defend China. If we all have the will this can be done and it must be done.'

"There is no time for pessimism now. There is the general realisation that a critical point of the war has been reached."

Writing editorially the "News Chronicle" says: "Our correspondent, Stuart Gelder, sends grave news from Chungking. China, he says, is facing a most critical emergency of war. The Japanese are advancing rapidly and in strength towards the vital communication centre of Kweiyang, terminal for air supplies.

"An examination of the map makes clear that if Kunming is lost, not only will the position of the American forces become untenable, but the new supply routes to China, now under laborious construction will go for nothing.

"There has been a meeting between the Generalissimo and the Communist Leader, General Chou En Lai, at which both men seem to have realised the urgency of the military situation. 'We must all do our best now,' said General Chou En Lai before returning to Yenan to report to his own people on the conversations.

"Deeds must follow these words and follow quickly and with supreme energy if a major disaster is to be averted."—United Press.

400 SURAT TEACHERS FAST AS PROTEST

SURAT, Dec. 3.

About 400 teachers of primary schools resorted to 24 hours' fast as a protest against the Surat Municipal School Board's attitude in not sanctioning dearness allowance according to the scales recommended by Government.

The fast commenced this morning with mass prayers at a meeting.—United Press.

Princes Face "Crisis"

NEW DELHI Dec. 3.

According to the "National Call" a serious crisis is developing between the Indian Princes and the Crown Representative's Department arising out of the fundamental differences of views on matters under correspondence between the Chamber of Princes and the Political Department. While no indication is possible from princely circles regarding the nature or developments it is said that the issues arise out of the Princes' memorandum to the Viceroy.

"The United Press" learns that informal talks between the officers of the Political Department and leading Princes are taking place to avoid an open conflict between the Chamber of Princes and the Crown Representative.

STATES' BUREAU

The "United Press" learns that Sir Joseph Bhore, Prime Minister of Bhopal, would be the head of the Public Relations Bureau which is being set up by the Chamber of Princes. Mr. Ali Jawad, Deputy Principal Information Officer of the Government of India, would be the Director of the Bureau assisted by six other assistant officers.—United Press.

BHULABHAI LEAVES FOR DELHI

LAHORE, Dec. 2: Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Opposition in the Central Assembly left to-night for Delhi.—A. P.

INTERVIEW WITH PUNJAB PREMIER

Our Lahore correspondent adds: Malik Khizar Hyatkhan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab, had an interview with Mr. Bhulabhai Desai last evening at the residence of Mian Iftikharuddin, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee.

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It has been found that forged tickets for the shows of Filmistan's picture "Chal Chal Re Naujavan" at the Roxy Theatre are being sold in the streets at fancy prices. The public is hereby warned that no right of admission attaches to spurious tickets. Every possible facility for advance reservation of seats is being given by the theatre management. The public is requested to make all reservation directly at the Roxy box office

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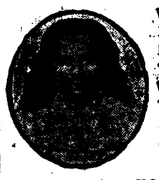

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Festival Cricket

MERCHANT DECLARES AT 615 FOR FOUR WICKETS

Unbeaten Double Centuries By The Great Vijays

(By Our Cricket Critic)

Record breaking feats characterised Sunday's batting in the Festival Cricket Match between the Services XI and the C. C. I. XI. Unbeaten double centuries by the Great Vijays, Merchant and Hazare, and a record partnership of 382 runs between them for the fourth wicket were registered. Merchant applied closure at the gigantic total of 615 runs which gave the C. C. I. XI a lead of 273.

ACES PRODUCE 32 IN AN HOUR!

The overnight not-outs, Merchant and Hazare resumed their innings in such a careful and steady fashion, it seemed that they were bent on piling up a colossal figure. They treated the opposing bowlers with so much respect that they could produce 32 runs only in the first hour. Hazare was ever more cautious than his skipper. So the runs arrived in driblets to the disgust of the vast number of spectators.

C. K.'S JOKE

Col. Nayudu took it into his head to brighten up things in the true festival spirit. He took up bowling himself, after trying all his stock bowlers, and gave full tosses to the batsmen. As many as 34 runs were knocked up in his 5 overs. Merchant reaped the greatest benefit from it. C. K. must have expected that Merchant would retire after he had notched his century especially in view of the mediocre bowling strength of the Services. But Merchant takes his cricket always too seriously. He refused to budge even to please the spectators who shouted "hit out or get out."

SPECTATORS DISAPPOINTED

Merchant took 203 minutes to reach his century. Hazare not to be outdone made his way to the same goal but he occupied the crease an hour longer for the same purpose. Each of them had 7 fours to their credit. No doubt the pace of scoring became faster after this second hundred of the day taking only an hour, but there was too much of sameness in their batting while the crowd wanted some flogging shows. They were however disappointed in their expectations.

A RECORD PARTNERSHIP

Batting in his characteristic styles, Merchant reached his double century in 331 minutes which included 18 fours. Then he retired. Thus his partnership with Hazare yielded 382 runs which is a record not only for the fourth but all wickets. The previous highest record was 345 registered by Merchant and Adhikari against the Rest in the Pentangular last year.

ANOTHER RECORD

As Hazare was nearing the double century mark the C. C. I. Captain allowed him to attain the distinction after the tea interval in company with Gul Mahomed. Hazare did not make any mistake about it. After batting for 397 minutes and knocking 19 boundaries, he reached the 200 mark. This is the first time in history of Indian Cricket that two double centuries have been recorded in the same innings.

UNRIVALLED SCORE

But having regard to the fact that the Services bowling was far from dangerous or deadly, their attainments were not of the highest merit. It is a pity that either C. S. Nayudu or Sarwate were not lent to them to make the fight more interesting. Merchant applied closure at 615 with the loss of four wickets. This is not the biggest total for an innings which stands at 703 scored in the Bengal-Bijapur Relief Fund match last year. But I do not think that such a huge total has ever been put up in India at such a small expense. If Merchant and Hazare wanted they could have easily broken all world records without perhaps losing their wickets. But the sense of delicacy and sportsmanship prevailed.

TO-DAY'S PROSPECTS

The Services compiled 50 runs in their second venture without any loss. Simpson and Compton had 29 and 21 to their respective credit by the end of the day. It remains to be seen whether Merchant, with the grand bowling battery at his command—Sarwate is included now in his team in place of K. C. Ibrahim—can inflict an innings' defeat on his rivals. It is however more than likely that the latter would put up a better show than they did in their initial effort and thus part with honours even.

Details Of Sunday's Play

Resuming their game against the Services in the Festival match, Merchant and Hazare the over-night not-outs gave an exhilarating display and added rapidly to the total which by 2-30 p. m. had shot up from 260 to 427. Both Merchant and Hazare were still at the wickets with 144 and 100 respectively to their credit. Their fourth-wicket partnership had so far yielded 235.

Judge and Butler started the attack when the game began in the morning. A few singles by Hazare brought the total to 270 and his individual score to 50.

The first bowling change was effected at 292 when Hardstaff was brought in, and a little later Dobree-Carey also was tried. In Hardstaff's first over Hazare reached his 80 and in his second 200 were hoisted on the board with a single by Hazare. Vijay Merchant also reached his 50 in the same over.

At 12-40 p. m. with the total standing at 339 C. K. Nayudu himself tried the leather. Merchant who was behind Hazare by twelve runs now surpassed him, and when he reached his 80 Hazare was still in his sixties.

Merchant was now in a deadly form and was seen flogging the bowlers in all directions. He hit Nayudu for two and surpassed the rival team's total of 343, simultaneously bringing his own score to 90. A little later with a straight drive towards the pavilion he reached his century which included seven fours.

Nayudu then tried Compton in his own place. When the game closed for lunch the score stood at 393 for three, Merchant not out 128 and Hazare not out 83.

After lunch Merchant again hit out, and pushed the total to 400 in the very first over.

A new ball was taken at 404, Dobree-Carey being entrusted with it first. 410 went up the board. It was only then that Hazare with a single reached his 90. At 2-25 p.m. he reached his century, his partner then being at 144.

With a glance which fetched four Hazare reached 110 and then followed it up with another master stroke in the mid-off off Dobree-Carey.

ONE-SIDED GAME

The game had now become completely one-sided, and 500 also appeared on the board after a play of exactly nine hours. Merchant and Hazare both stood at 160 and 150 respectively.

Mushtaq Ali was now tried, but to no avail. The well-set batsmen were unimpressed by any bowling change, and went on treating the leather with contempt. The score bounded to 550. Interest was roused when Merchant lit out after his 80. Only two minutes before 4 p.m. he reached his 200 in a game of 325 minutes. Merchant had so far 18 hits to the boundary.

At tea the score stood at 571 for three.

MERCHANT RETIRES WITH 200

After tea Merchant retired with 201 to his credit (570-4-201) and Gul Mohmed came out to bat with Hazare. After twenty minutes 580 went up, followed by a single from Hazare which put him on to his 190. In the following over he drove Judge to mid-on for a four, and with two more added to it the total reached 590. 600 went up after 620 minutes. Gul Mohmed celebrated this event with a sharp pull on the square leg off Mushtaq.

At 607 a second new ball of the day was taken, Judge operating it first. In Dobree-Carey's over a bye of four pushed the total to 610. Hazare who had stayed at his 199 for over ten minutes collected a single off Judge and completed his 200.

At this stage Merchant declared the C.C.I. innings closed, the score-board showing 615 for four.

SERVICES 2ND INNINGS

Simpson and Compton commenced the second innings of the Services. Simpson first faced Bannerjee and four were collected in his first over off a throw by Gul Mohmed. Sohoni who came from the pavilion end was hit twice to the long on boundary which brought the first decade on board. 20 appeared in 15 minutes. One more four in the country by Compton off Sohoni brought the total to 30.

Sarwate who was included in the team in Ibrahim's place took over the attack from Bannerjee after 30 and Amir Elahi followed soon from the pavilion end.

At 40 C. S. Nayudu replaced Sarwate.

SERVICES Ist Innings 342

C. C. I. XI (1st Innings)

Vinoo Mankad, l.b.w., b Judge	65
S. W. Sohoni, c Corall, b Dobree-Carey	82
R. S. Mody, c Nayudu, b Judge	14
V. Hazare not out	200
V. M. Merchant retired	201
Gul Mohmed not out	17
Extras	36
Total (for 4 wickets declared)	615

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Butler	41	10	87	0
Judge	57	13	171	2
Dobree-Carey	30	6	110	1
Cranmer	1	0	11	0
Compton	18	1	80	0
Mushtaq	18	8	33	0
Hardstaff	12	1	50	0
C. K. Nayudu	6	0	37	0

SERVICES 2nd Innings

Simpson batting	29
Compton batting	21
Extra	0
Total (for no wicket)	50

A lunch party at the Taj Mahal Hotel was given on Thursday in honour of the Muslim XI which won in the final pentangular match by Mr Abiul Hameed Proprietor of Bachoo Motors, a member the Muslim Social Circle.

Expert's Views On Food Grains Distribution

Govt.'s Procurement Monopoly Imposes Responsibility For Feeding Rural Areas

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

Mr. Somerset Butler, Special Officer, Department of Food, Government of India, in his report on Government monopoly procurement of grain, defending the monopoly as laid down by the Gregory Committee, says:

"To say that all schemes have been successful, that there have not been mistakes or that hardships have not been caused would be ridiculous. But that the policy is right there are no two opinions amongst those who have tried it out and the same thing can be said for the views of non-officials."

Mr. Butler goes on to say that another important, if not the most important aspect of monopoly procurement, is that prices can be and are being fixed and maintained at one level for the whole crop year. On this point, he concludes: "To be able to achieve, by monopoly procurement, control in deficit areas, sufficient to institute fixed prices at pre-determined levels and be confident of maintaining those prices must in my view, be the final and decisive argument against all those opposed to Government monopolies."

NOT DEPENDENT ON WORLD MARKETS

"India, although a very large producer of foodgrains," he states, "is not dependent upon world markets for the disposal of her produce. Furthermore, the grain normally imported has, in the past, always been at prices somewhat below those ruling internally. Consequently, I see no insurmountable difficulty, from the point of view of supply and the marketing of India's produce, why the present form of control, or a modification of it, should not continue and be used to maintain the agrarian standard of living just that much higher than it was before the war, and so ensure the cultivator an existence above starvation level.

"When we are in a position to peg prices at predetermined levels, and we have already progressed a long way towards this, the proposition begins to assume practical shape."

RESPONSIBILITY FOR RURAL AREAS

Mr. Butler points out that where procurement is under Government monopoly responsibility must be taken for distribution even in rural areas.

Among Mr. Butler's recommendations made are:

(1) Great attention should be paid to the cultivator being allowed to retain from his produce, grain sufficient for his needs.

(2) There should be greater co-ordination between adjoining States and Provinces in the fixing of procurement prices than there is at present.

(3) Under Government monopoly the activities of the wholesale trade should be confined to acting as Government agents for the purpose of handling, storage and transport. There is, however, no reason why they should not also finance the grain while it is in their charge.

(4) The importance of adequate inspection organisations is emphasised and it is stated that until a proper inspectorate is set up under every Food Control administration the difficulties which are continually cropping up over quality, deterioration, loss of grain, etc., will continue.

It is recommended that an Inspection Directorate be set up in the Food Department in order that there should be direction and expert advice from the Centre.

(5) There should be a specific branch in each foodgrain administration to deal with the elimination of bribery and corruption.—A.P.

HOWRAH STRIKERS RETURN TO WORKS

CALCUTTA Dec. 3.—The sweepers and scavengers of the Howrah municipality, numbering about 3,000 who had gone on strike on November 27 demanding increase of pay and dearness allowance, returned to work this morning.

The strikers were assured that their case had already been taken up by the Municipal Commissioners and their decision in the matter would be announced at an early date.—A. P.

JAILED FOR ELICITING MILITARY INFORMATION

RANCHI, Dec. 2.—Harbans Lal an educated Punjabi Youth, has been sentenced to six months' R. I. under D. I. R. for attempting to elicit information from some military personnel about their location and movements says a Press Note.—A. P.

2 MORE TRIBUNALS UNDER CRIMINAL LAW ORDINANCE

NEW DELHI Dec. 3.

An amending ordinance dated Dec 2 provides for the setting up of five Special Tribunals instead of three under the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance of 1943. Of the five, two are to sit at Lahore and three at Calcutta, Lucknow and Amraoti respectively.—A. P.

Members of the WAC (I) nursing and other women's services who normally draw rations are to be issued with one egg per head per day says an amendment to Army Instructions (India).

Ceylon Cricketer's Thanks To Bombay

Mr. M. Sathasivam writes:—

I shall be leaving Bombay to-day after a very pleasant time I had spent with members of the Rest Cricket team, particularly Dr. Pereira, the President, Mr. Vijay Hazare, the captain and Mr. Pinto, the Secretary. I am sharing the feelings of my countryman, Mr. Jayavickrama, when we express our heartfelt thanks to the Indian public for the great ovation they gave us in the cricket field and to those Indian friends who were very kind enough to entertain us most lavishly.

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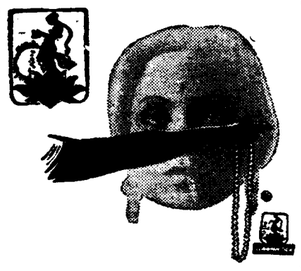

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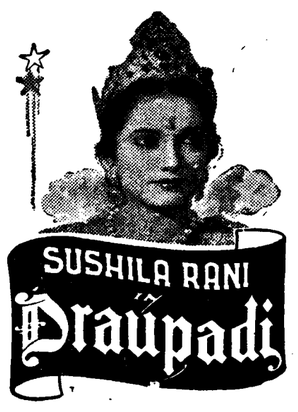

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Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

HILL, Donald George J.P., M.L.A. beloved husband of Mrs. Clara Hill expired last evening peacefully after a prolonged illness patiently borne. Funeral leaves at 5-30 p.m. today from Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel for Sewree.

To-day's Engagements

MAZDAZNAN YOUTH MOVEMENT: Youth will speak on "Superstition—a Curse to Humanity" at Mazdaznan Temple Hall Opp. Churchgate Station today (Monday) at 6-15 p.m.

UNVEILING OF DR TURKHAD'S STATUE: Major-General R. Hay, Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, will perform the unveiling ceremony of the marble bust of the late Dr. D. A. Turkhad, Professor of Bacteriology Grant Medical College 1914-24, at the library, of the Grant Medical College today (Monday) at 5-30 p.m.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Prof. Parakh will begin his French classes in Elphinstone College today (Monday) at 6 p.m.

AT HOME TO C. K. NAYUDO: Members of Andhra Yuvajana Sangh will be at home to Major C. K. Nayudu and Mr. C. S. Nayudu at Vanamali Hall, Dadar, tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7 p.m.

MODEL BUILDERS AND HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION: The Second Annual Model Builders and Handicrafts Exhibition will be opened on the 11th inst. at 5-30 pm at the Conference Hall of the B. E. S. and T. Co., Ltd., "Electric House," Colaba Causeway, by Mr. I. H. Taunton, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, instead of by Sir Homi Mehta, who has been called by the Government to attend a meeting of the Reserve Bank at Calcutta on that date.

DEC. 15 AS "BIHAR DAY": The Executive Committee of Bombay Students' Union started collections for relief work in Bihar on December 3, the birthday of Babu Rajendra Prasad. The work of collection will continue till December 15 which will be observed as "Bihar Day".

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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MONDAY, Dec. 4.

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SURPRISING TURN TO PROVINCIAL LEAGUE ELECTION MEETING

Chundrigar Upholds Point Of Order That 7 Days' Clear Notice Was Not Given

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A meeting held, to-day, at the Anjuman-i-Islam High School, Bombay, to elect the President and other office-bearers to the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, took a surprising turn. Mr. I. I. Chundrigar presided.

The election of office-bearers did not take place.

As soon as the delegates assembled, Mr. Khan, an advocate from Poona, raised a point of order that seven clear days' notice for all general meetings of the Provincial Muslim League should be given in writing under Rule 61 of the League Constitution.

Under the rule "such notice as is dispatched under a certificate of posting or in a dispatch-book, shall be deemed to have reached the member in due course."

It was pointed out that notices were dispatched on November 25 and in due course, they were expected to reach Poona on November 26 and Dharwar on November 27. Assuming that they reached Poona on November 26, the Poona delegate added, only six clear days' notice were left, that is from November 27 to December 2.

The point of order was supported by Mr. Mussali Patel, M.L.A., and Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hussain. It was also disputed and discussion lasted nearly an hour and a half.

In the end, the President upheld the point of order and held that the meeting was not in order, dissolved and left it, with several other members, amidst uproarious scenes.

Those who disputed the point of order, then, held another meeting in the same hall under the presidentship of Dr. Abdul Hameed Kazi. The business of the meeting was, then, taken up.

A keen contest was expected in the election of the office-bearers to the Bombay Provincial Muslim League. The Provincial League Presidentship is being contested by two candidates: Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, the sitting President, and Dr. A. H. Kazi. There are also two candidates contesting the seat of General Secretaryship, the candidates being Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hussein and Mr A. A. Zari.

Those who claimed themselves as progressive were making a definite bid, this year, to capture the Provincial organisation and hence the keen contest and hectic canvassing. The recent landslide in the Ahmedabad District Muslim League election, the constituency of Mr. Chundrigar, was regarded as a pointer by those who called themselves as progressive.

At about 2-30 p.m. to-day, over 300 delegates, representing most of the 25 districts had assembled to vote for the President, the Vice-President, the General Secretary, Two Treasurers, two Joint Secretaries and 35 members of the Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League.

An atmosphere of eager expectancy prevailed; knots of people stood and discussed about the ensuing elections on the foreground of the High School; two placards soliciting votes for some office-bearers were seen hoisted at the premises. When Mr. Chundrigar arrived at the entrance, Dr. Kazi proferred his hand and both warmly shook hands.

Shortly after, the delegates were called in.

Usually elections are held in the League office but last year, the influx of delegates from districts was so big that elections had to be held at Beg Mohommed Hall where only about 200 members could be accommodated; but this year the number of delegates was even larger and, therefore, it was decided to change the venue.

The Bombay Provincial Muslim League Council has 280 members; of these 15 are ladies. The Council has a right to co-opt 38 members.

EDITOR'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Ahmedabad D. M. To Grant Coal Import Permit

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD Dec. 3.

The District Magistrate has accepted the challenge of Mr. Natwarlal Desai Editor of 'Bharat,' a local daily, and has given him permit to import coal into Ahmedabad from any place in the Ahmedabad zone. Mr. Natwarlal has appealed to rich men of the city that this work would require Rs. 100,000.

It will be recalled that the 'Bharat' had editorially made allegation about maladministration regarding the handling of the coal situation and had challenged the Government saying "I will avoid coal shortage if permit is given to me for import.

D. N. Wadia's New Post

COLOMBO, Dec. 2.

Mr. D. N. Wadia, Geologist Ceylon Government, whose agreement with the Ceylon Government terminates on Sunday, has been appointed Geological Adviser to the Planning and Development Department of the Government of India. Mr. Wadia is leaving for Delhi on Sunday.—A. P.

Demand For Gazdar's Expulsion

KARACHI Dec. 3.

It is understood that the City Muslim League has recommended to the Sind Muslim League that Mr. M H. Gazdar, Education Minister, be expelled from the Muslim League for a period of three years.

The Sind Premier had his third interview with Mr. Jinnah today. Mr. G. M. Syed, president of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, was present. —A. P.

Phaltan Minister Dismissed

The Raja of Phaltan has dismissed Mr. Sakharam Rajaram Bhosle, Finance Member, Phaltan, for collecting building wood for his house without payment. The order says that Mr. Bhosle has thus betrayed the trust placed in him as Finance Member.

Mr. Bhosle was recently appointed senior popular Minister and Finance Member of Phaltan under the reformed constitution.—Meezan.

NO CHRISTMAS CARDS TO P.O.W.—The sending of Christmas cards or calendars to prisoners of war in enemy hands is again prohibited this year.

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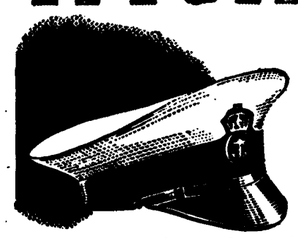

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SHADY POLITICS

The denunciation by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta of the part which Mr. M. N. Roy and his Indian Federation of Labour have been playing of late in active collusion with some of the departments of the Government of India is welcome, though it is rather belated. Though months have passed since the secret deal between the Government of India and Mr. Roy and his Federation came to light and was well within the knowledge of Mr. Mehta, since he was himself actively associated with the Federation till but the other day, he maintained silence about it and it is only now that he has accepted a Government job he has deemed it necessary to dissociate himself from Mr. Roy and his Federation and has publicly castigated them. The part which Mr. Mehta himself has played in the sorry business cannot be held to be altogether creditable to him.

It will be recalled that before the interpellations made in the Central Assembly forced Dr. Ambedkar, Labour Member, to admit the fact that Rs. 13,000 were being paid to the Indian Federation of Labour, allegations had been openly made in certain upper India journals that M. N. Roy was being paid in secret Rs. 13,000 monthly by the Government of India for purposes the nature of which could not be ascertained. Mr. Roy owned up the fact in one of his journals, but stated that the amount was paid not to him personally but to the Indian Federation of Labour. Then a mysterious telegram appeared in the press as emanating from Madras in which Mr. Mehta, though he had already left India's shores for America to attend the International Labour Conference as one of the Indian delegates, was reported to have flatly denied that the Federation of which he was then President, was in receipt of any amount at the hands of the Government of India. Mr. M. N. Roy, whose veracity was at stake owing to this direct contradiction of his statement, tried to beguile the public by asking them to suspend their judgment till Mr. Mehta returned from America when everything would be cleared up according to Mr. Roy.

Mr. Mehta returned, but there was no clearing of the mystery, till Dr. Ambedkar was obliged to disclose the startling facts that Rs. 13,000 was being paid monthly to the Indian Federation of Labour, that no statement of accounts as to how the monies were being spent was either asked for by the Government or supplied by the Federation, and that though no full and regular accounts were available, the Government of India was "satisfied" that "the expenditure has achieved the objects for which it was sanctioned." Dr. Ambedkar, however, gave an assurance that with effect from June 1, 1944, the accounts would be prepared in the Federation's office by a qualified accountant and that these would be available to audit in the ordinary way. Pressed further to disclose the nature of the activities which the Federation was carrying on and to which the Government was thus lending financial aid, Dr. Ambedkar stated that they consisted of "publication of printed literature, oral propaganda, visual publicity and dissemination of reassuring news." That funds from the Government exchequer should thus be paid in secret to a labour-cum-political body and no account asked for and no check kept on as to how they are spent, shows the lengths of reprehensible irresponsibility to which the executive can go in this country.

Dr. Ambedkar has had the affrontery to say that his Government is "satisfied" that the Federation did the work expected of it with the funds placed at its disposal. Dr. Ambedkar knows the truth, of which the Indian public too are fully aware—namely, that the Federation is a body composed of Mr. Roy and his henchmen only and that its label of "Labour" is a mere make-believe concealing its political constitution. It has thrived and assumed its present proportions only because of the active financial as well as other support lent to it, covertly as well as overtly, by the official world. Mr. Roy has set up a number of bodies like the I. F. L., the Radical Democratic Association, the All-India Students' Federation and so on, which though some of them may be wearing non-political labels outwardly, are all really political organisations whose object is sabotage of the nationalist movements, whether these be political, labour or student. The I.F.L. has been trying to undermine the foundations of the All-India Trade Union Congress and in this effort it has received the moral support of the official world both in India and in England. The legitimate Trade Union movement represented by the All-India Trade Union Congress is not being accorded even half as much official support as Mr. Roy's Federation—witness the cold shoulder which the India Office is showing to the accredited delegate of this Congress, Mr. Dange, and the difficulties which he has been encountering in securing recognition at the British Labour Convention and Trade Union Congress. The delegates of the I.F.L. are being set up under official auspices as the rivals, if not indeed, the more truly accredited representatives of Indian Labour. Mr. Mehta has remarked that the Government of India has fallen a victim to Mr. M. N. Roy. We should say rather that it has fallen a willing victim to his political intrigues, hoping, no doubt, to profit by his well-known flair for activities against the patriotic movements in this country.

It is not only the Labour Department of the Government of India which has been financing the activities of Mr. Roy and his henchmen, but also the Information Department has been actively flirting with him. Only a few weeks ago the Information Member disclosed for the first time the fact that the National War Front had been subsidizing Mr. Roy's journal, the "Vanguard", by buying 1,500 copies of this daily journal. The journal has been carrying on for months past a virulent campaign of vilification and misrepresentation of the Congress and its leaders and the subsidy which the Government of India is giving it will naturally convey the impression to the public that it is a reward given to Mr. Roy and his co-workers for such "meritorious" work. Even a frank supporter of the Government like Mr. Jamnadas Mehta has expressed himself as disgusted with the deal between the Government and Mr. Roy. In the name of decency is it not time that the Government of India washed its hands of the politics of Mr. Roy?

Britain And Greeks

Greece provides another instance of the inevitability of Europe's progress Left-wards. The London "Times" was right when the other day it drew attention to that irresistible tendency and advised acceptance of, or at least resignation to, it. But it is a question whether the British Government will accede to the wise counsel of that paper. So far as Russia is concerned Mr. Churchill has almost invariably displayed a spirit of accommodation and adaptability. But it almost appears as if that spirit is confined to certain countries of Eastern Europe and that a division of zonal interests in the Balkans involves also a delimitation of progressive tendencies. This suspicion is provoked by the Downing Street announcement in support of the proclamation recently issued by General Scobie, General Officer Commanding in Greece. General Scobie tells the people of Greece: "I will protect you and the Government against attempts at *coup d'etat* or active unconstitutional violence."

This attitude, or rather warning, may be claimed to be justified on the grounds of law and order, military responsibilities and so on. But its weakness lies in the undoubted fact that it supports and buttresses a Greek Government which is definitely not popular with the people. Not much is known about the internal situation in that unhappy country. But this is certainly known that not only the two Communist members of the Greek Cabinet but also four representatives of the E. A. M. have resigned their offices in protest. And it is not without significance.

Frankly Speaking

Too Democratic?

We speculated the other day on why the British Government had vetoed the appointment of Count Carlo Sforza as Italian Foreign Minister and wondered if it could possibly be due to his outspoken ambition about Italy's "colonies." Mr. Anthony Eden has now explained the real reason. Count Sforza is objectionable to the British Government because he has worked against Signor Bonomi, the Prime Minister, "who has been perfectly loyal." Indeed, Mr. Eden charges Count Sforza with working always against any Italian Government, since the Count returned from his exile in the United States. It may be that Sforza has been impelled, for instance, by personal ambitions and has, therefore, been a disturbing influence in the smooth working of an Italian Government. But there is also, on the other hand, the fact that progressives in Italy have proclaimed their opposition to the "perfectly loyal" Bonomi and, as Mr. Aneurin Bevan revealed in the Commons, the British Government's action has been repudiated by the Socialist Party in Italy. Moreover, Mr. Eden didn't say that he objected to Sforza's Imperialism. Is Sforza *persona non grata* because he is more democratic than Bonomi?

Red Army's Drive

A big Russian offensive against the Danube valley is on. The Soviet Armies have achieved important successes in Hungary which have entitled them not only to an Order of the Day from Marshal Stalin but also a roaring greeting by Moscow's guns. It is a significant development after the virtual lull that had lasted for some weeks. The Russians are not only outflanking Budapest but are also breaking through to eastern Austria. There are still formidable obstacles in the way and the drive will neither be easy nor spectacularly rapid. But it has begun. And quite likely the East Prussian front is also going to spring to life pretty soon. It remains to be seen how the German High Command copes with the grave threat in the east.

Offensive In The West

Meanwhile, General Eisenhower's Armies also have made some noteworthy progress during the last few days. They are inside the Ziegfried line at certain places and the Saar basis is imminently threatened. General Eisenhower's assault on the main industrial regions of Germany is, perhaps, a graver threat than the Russian offensive. It has, of course, to contend with the Ziegfried Line and the Rhine. And also against the reported shortage of ammunition. But Eisenhower is already upon the Ziegfried Line. As to shortage of ammunition the alarm raised by him and Colonel Stimson must effectively serve the purpose enabling him to use now his reserve stocks in confident anticipation of rapid and increasing supplies from America.

The Drive To Mandalay

The capture of Kalewa by the East African troops in their southward drive along the banks of the Chindwin must be accounted to be a notable success against the Japanese. Another pincer movement which has been progressive, albeit slowly, southwards along the Myitkyina-Mandalay railway, has scored a success simultaneously by the capture of Pinwe, seven miles north of the Naba junction, by the British 36th Division. Mandalay is no doubt still far off, but if the new offensives should gather force as one expects, the double pincer threat to Mandalay may assume a serious form before long. The Chinese also are keeping up the pressure on the corridor in the Bhamo area.

NON-PARTY PLEA FOR RELEASE OF CONGRESS CABINET

Standing Committee Says National Govt. Can Work Under India Act

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 3.

The Standing Committee of the Non-Party Conference which met here to-day, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru presiding, has issued the following statement on the general political situation in the country:

"The Standing Committee of the Non-Party Conference having considered the existing political situation desire to call attention to some of its outstanding features. In provinces such as Madras, Bombay, the United Provinces, the Central Provinces and Bihar for the last five years and more there have been no Ministries and no Legislatures and taxes have been levied and public expenditure incurred by Governors in the exercise of their all-embracing powers under Sec. 93 of the Government of India Act, 1935. In Orissa the deadlock was broken for a short period but at the present moment there too there is no Legislature and therefore, no Ministry.

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"The Committee consider that the framer of the Act could never have contemplated that Sec. 93 which was really intended to cope with a temporary breakdown of the Constitution, should be used and remain in operation for such a length of time as five years continuously. The Committee regret to observe that they see no signs of any coming change in the policy of His Majesty's Government in this respect and they fear that until the duration of the war, the end of which no one can yet see, the absolute powers for the use of which no Governor is responsible to the people of his Province may continue to be used indefinitely to the great and growing dissatisfaction and resentment of the people. That there is general dissatisfaction and resentment and that it has been growing from year to year the Committee are prepared to affirm emphatically.

"The Committee further draw attention to the fact that vast post-war schemes involving huge financial commitments are being accepted with a view to their being put into operation either immediately or after the war without their being submitted to the scrutiny of the Legislatures where the representatives of the public would have an effective voice in shaping them and controlling their execution. Any Advisory Committees that have been set up or conferences which are held from time to time cannot be a legitimate or effective substitute for the responsibility of the duly elected representatives of the Legislatures in such important matters. The people of this country are vitally interested in the development of industries, large and small, communications, education, public health and other social services and they feel that on constitutional grounds they are obviously entitled to take part in the formulation and execution of these big schemes affecting the future of this big country.

RECRUITMENT TO I.C.S.

"Similarly the Committee draw attention to the fact that important decisions have been taken with regard to recruitment of the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police and Military officers are being employed in many civil posts without any previous reference to or consultation with the legislatures. In the opinion of the Committee the proportions fixed by the Lee Commission nearly 20 years ago for the recruitment of Europeans and Indians are already out of date and there does not seem to be any reason why consistently with the aim of self-government the Services should not be manned by Indians of the requisite qualifications, recruitment from Europe being stopped without delay.

"The fact that some Ministries tendered their resignations in 1939 howsoever regrettable or open to criticism, cannot afford any justification for continuing for such a length of time the irresponsible autocratic rule of Governors in the opinion of the Committee a constitutional form of Government should be restored in the Provinces and steps to give effect to that should be taken without further loss of time.

The Committee also appeal to the members of the suspended Legislatures to show their readiness to resume responsibility and to accept as a working basis the principle of Composite Governments wherever possible.

In any case if the members of the majority of the parties in the Legislatures should decline to assume responsibility they should agree to the members of minority parties assuming and carrying on as a temporary expedient the functions of stable Government.

RELEASE CONGRESS CABINET

"In the opinion of the Committee the release of the members of the Working Committee of the Congress, who have been kept in detention since August, 1942, without trial, will help to restore good feeling in the country and the acceptance of this suggestion will also tend to strengthen the chances of the resumption of responsibility by the minority parties in the Legislature. ment of differences between them and the minority parties in thee Legislature. Besides, justice and fairness demand that they should not continue to be deprived any further of their freedom.

"The Committee also think that the political situation has so materially changed that there can now be no reasonable fear of the revival of mass civil Disobedience.

"The Committee note with deep regret that His Majesty's Government still persist in the policy of doing nothing to change the character and constitutional status of the Central Government during the war.

"The Committee reiterate their belief that even under the existing constitution it is possible to so alter the character and status of the Central Executive as to make it approximate a National Government.

"In the opinion of this Committee this end can be achieved without any great changes in the existing act.

"Further the Committee note with much regret that no practical steps have been taken by Government towards giving effect to pledges given in the Parliament about self-Government after the war. Much valuable time has been lost by this policy of inactivity which has only tended to foster a spirit of frustration and resentment among the people. If the pledge of self-Government is to be translated into reality steps should be taken now to achieve that end and not only the people but the Government must also play their appropriate parts in moving towards that end."—A. P.

ON RETURNING TO NATURE

BY VICTOR PARANJOTI

There's a lot more in this "Back to Nature" business than meets the ear. I am firmly of opinion that it is part of the great scheme of evolution. My friend Bernard gets quite caustic when I talk to him about it; but he's safely away in Assam so I can say what I think.

As I was saying, the whole thing is significant. It's going on all over the world.

Take England, for example.

Before the war thousands of people in England began to shed their clothes. True they had to have reservations, but then they had no other restrictions whatever. They walked about in these reservations in pristine nudity—in much the same manner as Mr. and Mrs. Neanderthal Man must have done. And then, what about girls painting their faces and legs? They give it a fancy name now—but painting with woad was the rule in the best circles of British Society in the early days of Western Civilization.

The war rather spoiled the back to nature movement but only to a small extent. Take air-raids for instance. Surely the days of the troglodytes have returned—for man burrows into the face of the earth to be safe from man! And what is decontamination but the very essence of the ancient and now allegedly outmoded laws of taboo and ceremonial purification? Outmoded! My hat! The process of decontamination is as complicated and packed with ritual as any of the Eleusinian mysteries. I am not at all certain that Decontamination Squads do not mutter mysterious incantations as they lay on the caustic potash or whatever it is they lay on. And is Lewisite anything but sheer witchcraft? To encourage a crop of boils on your neighbour—I ask you! Is Hitler not the reincarnation of Procrustes? I mean to say excluding the Jews but including the Japanese as "honorary" Aryans in his scheme of things.

Then take dancing! Where, as our latter-day poets ask, are the dances of yesteryear? Where are the sarabande and the graceful minuet? Where, for that matter, are the tarantelle and the rigaudon? Let me stretch a century—(you can see how firm the foundations of my arguments are)—where is the passacaglia? Forgotten? No, moved aside by the inexorable march of civilization.

And what do we have instead? The Lambeth Walk. . . a reversal to the good old days when primitive man in disagreement with his feminine partner, pasted her one. And the Black Bottom, the Jitterbug—back to tribal dances. The fox-trot . . . stepping back to our animal ancestry. The whole thing is as plain as a pike-staff.

And look at music: and I don't mean only Jazz. No African drum throbs with quite the persistence of the modern Dance Band Drum. No ancient instrumental invitation to the Paphian mysteries could have had half the inwardness of the "H' ya Toots" of the modern dance bands' hot clarinetists "swinging" it. The world of concord is no more, and discord misrules, uninterrupted by silences. Melody is anathema, and contemporary composers shudder at the mere thought of harmony.

Take manners. In our recent past it was polite to offer one's seat in a crowded bus to a lady. But it isn't done any more. You will be told it is because all sex disabilities have now been removed, and that women have achieved equality with men. Don't you believe it! Woman is slowly being taken down from the pedestal where man put her a few hundred years ago. There's a sinister sound about the phrase itself—Sex equality! Bunkum! Woman is no longer a person to be protected and respected. She is hustled into the hurly-burly of life and is being made to work. That's what it is! She is being made to work as she used to do many centuries ago. She's back where she started . . . . she is man's chattel once more, and the circle is complete. Progress isn't progress and we merely move round and round.

We are going back to nature all right. People like Bernard will tell you different. But don't you believe them. We are not going forward. We are slipping back.

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

Twenty telephone calls a day made by 1,000 subscribers move 50,000 bits of machinery, which wear out with every movement.

At one time this year the Bombay Central Telegraph Office was handling more than 30,000 telegrams daily.

The "peak" hours in a telephone exchange are round about 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and the "easiest" hours are from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. for local conversations. For trunk calls you get "through" quickest and easiest before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

One hundred airgraphs weigh as much as one ordinary air mail letter.

It has taken you just one minute to read and "get" all this and you may well try and keep each telephone conversation down to one minute.

CASE AGAINST MADRAS EDITOR

MADRAS, Dec. 3: The case against Mr. T. S. Chokkalingam, Editor, "The Dinasari", a local Tamil daily, under the Newspaper Control Order on a charge of publishing 28 pages a week instead of 26 pages for three weeks in May, June and July, 1944, came up for hearing before the Chief Presidency Magistrate yesterday.

The defence counsel raised a preliminary objection that the court had no jurisdiction to try the case. He argued that the Newspaper Control Order of 1942 under which the offence was alleged to have been committed was superseded and repealed by the Newspaper Control Order of 1944. He contended that the proceedings in the case were initiated only in October this year and the 1942 order could not be acted upon at this stage.

The Assistant Crown Prosecutor submitted that the second order was only a modification of the 1942 Order.

Further hearing on this issue is posted to December 8.—A. P.

The Independent Film Producers' Association have sent a telegram to the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and to the Cinematographic Committee, at Moscow, enquiring if they can arrange and secure travel facilities for the contemplated tour of Russia by the film producers' delegation.

Are More Colleges Necessary?

Applications are before the University of Bombay seeking permission to start new colleges at Amaner, Jalgaon, Malwan, Ratnagiri, Kurgal, Bassein, Navsari, Bijapur, Belgaum and Poona. It is most essential that the University and the Government, before granting the affiliation asked for, should assure themselves that:

(1) there is really an urgent and paramount need for new colleges in the respective localities, taking into consideration the accommodation available in the existing colleges in the neighbourhood;

(2) the new colleges will be well staffed and efficiently managed by people who know what higher education is and not by busybody amateurs.

Konkan managed so long without a single college. The desire of the people of Konkan to have a college in their midst can be understood, but why three new colleges all at once? Only one of the three applications from Konkan should be granted—else we shall witness the spectacle of unseemly competition, and the three colleges will form a mutual suicide club and collapse in the course of a year or two.

Likewise, of the two applications from Amainer and Jalgaon, only one should be granted for the time being.

This argument applies also to the application from Bijapur which is midway between Sholapur and Bagalkot. The college at Bagalkot was started only in June 1944, and it is only fair that another college in the same district should not be permitted to be started for some years to come. The present educational needs of the Bijapur district are now met adequately by the Bagalkot College—not to mention the colleges at Sholapur, Kolhapur and Sangli.

Poona is a big educational centre. The overcrowding at the S. P. College and at the Fergusson College is an acknowledged fact. Hence, if in other respects the sponsors can satisfy the University and the Government, there cannot be any objection to one or two more colleges being started in Poona. This applies also, perhaps, to the proposed new college at Belgaum.

Navsari and Bassein are close to Baroda and Bombay. The proposed new colleges at Navsari and Bassein will accordingly relieve the congestion in the Baroda and Surat colleges and the colleges at Bombay. Hence these applications also deserve to be favourably considered.

In conclusion: although I do understand local patriotism, I refuse to extol it. And the University and the Government have a duty in the matter which, I trust, they will discharge without fear or favour. It is surely meaningless to go about affiliating new colleges right and left simply because a few local enthusiasts, with small knowledge and less experience, whip up some sort of agitation for new college. Even in the matter of opening new colleges, we should not—except in peril to ourselves—forget the wise old maxim, 'Festina lente'!

AN EDUCATIONIST.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28: A general strike of all workers in Brussels to begin at 1 p.m., to-day (Tuesday) is called for by leaflets which have been distributed by the Trade Union Federation.

Court Causerie

By Nestor

Cases have recently come before our Courts in which some of our insurance companies have taken up an attitude which is regrettable. When it comes to paying up the amount insured, and the company has had the benefit of only a premium or two, some of these companies raise technical defences to the claims of the insured or their poor relatives in order to escape liability under the policy, and relying on some very minor misstatement in the proposal form, seek shelter behind the well-known decision of the House of Lords in the case of Dawsons Ltd v. Bonnin. In that case Dawsons were a firm of furniture removal contractors at Glasgow owning several motor lorries which they had insured. One of the motor lorries while garaged in a hay shed built of wood at Dovehill Farm was burnt in a conflagration resulting from another petrol motor lorry in the same shed having accidentally taken fire. In the proposal form the address at which the motor lorry in question was usually garaged was stated to be 46, Cadogan Street and not Dovehill Farm where it was burnt. Dawsons sought to recover £600 under the policy and it was contended on their behalf that the question as to where the motor lorry had been garaged was not a material one for the risks covered by the policy were in the main wholly unconnected with fire at the garage and the percentage of premium allocated to that risk was very small. The House of Lords, by a majority of three to two came to the conclusion that since the insurers had contracted to get an accurate answer to this question and to make the validity of the policy conditional on it, whether the answer was material or not (unless of course it was a mere slip), the fulfilment of this contract was a condition of Dawsons being able to recover. That condition not being fulfilled the claim under the policy failed. Strictly speaking, the correctness of this decision cannot be doubted but it works very harshly on the unsuspecting public which fills up these proposal forms very carelessly. It is in the interests of the public that they should be aware of the principles laid down by the House of Lords in Dawsons' case. It is in the interests of our insurance companies too, that they should not resort to those principles. The indisputability section in our Insurance Act has cured the evil to some extent by providing that no life policy can be disputed after two years on the grounds of any misstatement unless it was wilful, material and fraudulent. We fail to see why this salutary provision is made inapplicable for the first two years and is confined to life insurance policies. While amendments to the Insurance Act are on the anvil, we would suggest that the legislature should, in order to purify insurance business, remove both these restrictions.

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"Malice scorned, puts out
Itself; but argued, gives a kind of credit
To a false accusation.

So was it till 1936. The law of civil wrongs ignored malice except in cases of malicious prosecution. It was a well-settled principle that no act which would be legal if due to a proper motive can become illegal merely because it is prompted by a motive which is malicious—a proposition laid down by the House of Lords as far back as 1895 in the well-known case of the Mayor of Bradford v. Pickles. In that case, the claim of the Corporation of Bradford to restrain Mr. Pickles from sinking a shaft on his own land because it would draw away water which would, otherwise, have percolated into their reservoirs from which water was supplied to the inhabitants of Bradford, was negatived.

In 1936, however, a case came before the King's Bench Division of the High Court in England in which this settled notion of lawyers received a rude shock. The Hollywood Silver Fox Farm Co., Ltd. carried on the business of breeding silver foxes on their land. During the breeding season from 1st January to 15th June, the vixens were very nervous, and liable, if disturbed either to refuse to breed, to miscarry, or to kill their young. The adjoining landowner 'maliciously' caused his son to discharge guns on his own land as near as possible to the breeding pens for the purpose of injuring the plaintiffs by interfering the breeding of the foxes. The Farm Company filed a suit for damages for nuisance by noise and for an injunction against the adjoining landowner. On behalf of the landowner it was contended, on the authority of Bradford v. Pickles, that he was entitled to shoot on his own land, and therefore, even if his conduct was malicious he had not committed any actionable wrong. Strangely enough, the Court took the view that the case of Bradford v. Pickles had no bearing on cases of nuisance by noise in which the intention of the person making the noise must be considered.

For this principle, the Court seems to have relied on an older decision in which the interesting facts were that the plaintiff's family was very musical and throughout the day sounds of music pervaded their house. But this "measured malice of music" as Lamb calls it, was more than what a neighbour of theirs could bear and by way of retaliation, he took to making noises himself—beating trays and rapping on the wall—and the Court of Chancery restrained him from doing so on the ground that it was done only for the purpose of annoyance. Neither this case nor the Silver Fox case was taken to the House of Lords. Though the House of Lords had not considered this case at all in Bradford v. Pickles, it must be regarded as impliedly overruled by it.

One can understand malice being essential to actions for malicious prosecution, but the Silver Fox case appears to have introduced into the law of civil wrongs another exception which makes the presence of malice the determining factor in cases of nuisance by noise for which there is no warrant in law or principle. Comforting as the decision may be to those whom noise frets into more than midsummer madness it does not appear to us to be very convincing and we wait till nuisance by noise reaches the House of Lords.

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A very unusual case was decided in England last year, in a very unusual way. Words were excluded from the probate of a will on the ground that they were scandalous and defamatory. Mr. Justice Bucknill, who decided this case (Re Hall), while conceding that 'prima facie' probate ought to issue in words of the will itself and the testator had the right to state why he had disposed of his property in the way he had, laid down that in doing so the testator had no right to libel any one. Though it is a crime in India to defame a dead person if it is intended to be hurtful to his family, it is not a civil wrong to do so. Well then, why should civil law resent the dead, whom it does not protect from defamation, defaming others by will? What is more, we think that the decision cannot apply in India in view of the definition of "probate" in the Succession Act as "a copy of a will certified under the seal of a Court of competent jurisdiction with a grant of administration to the estate of the testator." A 'copy" of the will can only mean a true and full copy and it seems to us that the Court which certifies it and grants probate would have no power to delete anything from it. In England, however, as there is no such express statutory provision, it is possible to take a different view.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

The Government of India has prohibited the bringing into British India of copies of the books entitled "The Civil War in France" by Karl Marx and "The Paris Commune", by V. I. Lenin and any translation, reprint or other document containing substantial reproductions of the matter contained in these books.
—A. P. I.

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"If India is granted full freedom as the other Dominions have, she will be happy to be within the British Commonwealth of Nations" Sir S. Radhakrishnan.

There are at least four fallacies in this one sentence of the famous philosopher.

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"It would be an interesting study to find out how Empire statesmen amongst whom some from South Africa were prominent reconciled their principles and pronouncements about the advantages of the Empire with their conscience as exhibited in their treatment of internal problems."

You would think that the gentleman who said that was pathetically Rip Van Winklish. Perhaps he is. But he deserves indulgence. You see, the wish expressed above is an argument for reconciling conscience with—we mean to say, the above extract is from a statement made by Mr. Ramrao M. Deshmukh India's High Commissioner-Designate for South Africa.

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To clinch the argument, Mr. Deshmukh said "I am an optimist" He is.

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HEAD ON CLASH BETWEEN U. S. AND BRITAIN

Empire To Retire Into Its Shell
—Headlines.

No, no: behind the Imperial Shield, brother.

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Some 5,000 B. B. and C. I. Workers went on strike on Friday evening with the result that the suburban train service was considerably disorganised.

Even then we firmly refused to formulate any opinion pro or con on the strike—until, yes until, it was pointed out to us that racing enthusiasts had a difficult time in reaching.

This is outrage: in fact it is equivalent to sabotaging the war effort. And now we demand of the Government why immediate steps were not taken to stop the strike under the D. I. R., if necessary.

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It is reported that the Soviet Government is sending a Mission under M. Vishinsky to Ankara to initiate discussions on post-war relations between Russia and Turkey as also about Soviet interests in the Dardanelles and the Eastern Mediterranean.

For our part, we shall await developments with a quick and continuous beating of the heart.

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According to a Moscow report "it is not believed that General de Gaulle has any kind of treaty in his pocket".

That is merely half—and possibly only the other half—of an assurance. Probably Marshal Stalin has one in his own pocket.

Ambassador Clerk-Kerr should be on the alert.

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Daughter: "But, dad, don't you believe that two can live as cheaply as one?"

Father: "Certainly I do. Your mother and I live as cheaply as you do."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Warmed-over love is anything but satisfactory.

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Cold cash makes an excellent hot weather comfort.

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Our respect for old age depends greatly on whether it is applied to men and women or to boarding house poultry.

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After a man has posed as a cynic for a short time he begins to think too little of others and too much of himself.

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A man may be handicapped by being born a poet, but there is no reason why he shouldn't brace up and make something of himself.

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A charitable feeling causes some men, when they see a fellow man in distress, to wish some other man would come along and relieve him.

No Withdrawal Of Ban On Released Congress M.L.A.'s

(From Our Correspondent.)

LAHORE, Dec. 3.

According to official sources it can now be definitely stated that restrictions imposed on released Congress M.L.A'S will not to be removed for the coming session of the Legislature.

A responsible member of the Punjab Cabinet recalled that during the last session when a similar question was raised the Premier had made a statement in the Assembly that there was no difference between a jailed M.L.A and the one who is restricted, the only difference being that the restricted M.L.A was released on the ground of illhealth and the other was in jail. Even at the present moment Government holds the same view.

The Punjab Cabinet met on Saturday night and before the meeting the Premier had consultation with Sir Chhotu Ram, Revenue Minister, who is not attending the coming session.

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Gandh'ji Sets Task For Basic School Teachers

Commends Devotion To Truth And Ideal Of Simplicity

SEVAGRAM, Nov. 30.

"The quest for Truth is the Alpha and Omega of all education," said Mahatma Gandhi in the course of an address to the students of the Basic Education Teachers' Training Camp at Sevagram on November 19. Mr. Pyarelal, Secretary to Mahatma Gandhi has released the authorised version of the speech to-day.

At the request of Shrimati Ashadevi, Gandhiji delivered a short address to them on the 19th instant, to explain the meaning of New Education. He described in a few words how the Basic Education scheme was born. In 1938 when the Congress took up power for a short term, as it afterwards turned out, in seven out of the eleven provinces, they were confronted with the question of popular education. His advice was sought. Like many others he had been dissatisfied with the present system of education. He felt that if education was to be linked with the living needs of the masses inhabiting the villages of India it ought to be imparted through a basic craft. He had no practical experience of agriculture. But he was saturated with the idea of the Charkha which he had identified with village life. He therefore suggested that it should be used as a medium for the children's education. The idea appealed to Shri Aryanayakam, Srimati Ashadevi and Dr. Zakir Hussain and through their effort the Hindustani Talimi Sangh was founded.

SCOPE OF NEW EDUCATION.

Originally this New Education was intended to cover only the first seven years of a child's education, namely from the seventh to the fourteenth year. The experiment had already completed six years and was now entering upon the seventh. As a result of further thought he had come to the conclusion that this education should cover the whole of life from the moment of conception to the moment of death.

Referring to the prayer which had been recited at the beginning of the proceedings he observed. "There are several things in this prayer which are worthy of your note but I want to draw your attention to that particular portion of it which pledges the reciter to adherence to truth in speech and action under all circumstances and at all times. The Man means 'Lead me from Untruth to Truth, from Darkness to Light, from Death to Immortality'. Similarly the Islamic prayer, which has just been recited is an outpouring of the soul for light and for being guided on to the straight path of Truth and Righteousness. This quest for Truth is the Alpha and Omega of all education.

"After finishing your training here you will go back to your respective provinces to propagate this New Education. You will keep this ideal of devotion to Truth before you.—United Press.

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Time To Seize Export Markets Of France And Belgium For Indian Cotton

BOMBAY, Dec. 1.

Messrs. Patel Cotton Co. Ltd. have issued the following interesting weekly cotton market review:—

"The tone of the New York market was again unsettled. Business continued restricted. Earlier in the week prices registered a moderate recovery following the steadier lead provided by the December delivery. The small upturn in prices was due to Mr. Churchill's warning against hopes of early peace and prompt stoppage of December notices but later prices drifted idly on scattered hedges. In fact it is a period of waiting on international developments including the result of the Washington cotton conference scheduled for December 4th.

EFFECT OF LEND-LEASE

Discrimination against British exports containing any lend-lease material particularly hits cotton and puts cotton at a disadvantage against Rayon. British textile interests consider that such U.S restrictions are shortsighted as they can only handicap Britain from again becoming the best customer for U.S raw cotton. Rayon's competitive inroads into the cotton market has been attracting special attention by the fact that in the five pre-war years one bale of Rayon was used to 9.3 bales of cotton but by July 1944 the ratio has narrowed to 1 bale of Rayon to 5.9 bales cotton.

In the meantime, the U.S. cotton subsidy decision is causing great repercussions in Brazil. The entire press especially in the great producing State of Sao Paulo, is largely occupied with this question. Brazilian cotton manufacturers and workers associations urge Governmental action to protect Brazilian cotton against subsidised U.S. competition in world's markets. This sort of dumping, they say, flagrantly contravenes the principles of the Atlantic Charter and disturb the "Good Neighbour Policy." The Finance Ministry is studying the question with interested parties to concert measures which can at least partially compensate the consequences of the new U.S. subsidy.

It is now believed that French and Belgian textile districts suffered little damage either during the German occupation or rapid withdrawal. The possibility arises that both French and Belgian industries may soon become more active than British cotton and wool industries and these countries instead of drawing relief-textiles from the United Nations may soon be exporting textiles to alleviate the United Nations' own shortage.

EXPORT POSSIBILITIES

France is already negotiating for considerable quantity of U.S. cotton at the subsidised export price payable from French credits in New York. French credits are also available in Britain. Is it not time then for the Government of India and Indian cotton interests to seize the export markets of France and Belgium and also Italy, which together took about 410,000 bales of Indian cotton in 1938-39? This is a matter which brooks no delay. India's export position owing to the loss of her export trade to Japan is already sufficiently deplorable.

We have received the following telegram to-day from our Karachi Office:—

"Regular arrivals Sind and Montgomery line while arrivals Lyallpur line still small. Prices unchanged for N.T. but basis for Punjab staples and Bhawalpur 4F easier Compared to daily arrivals offtake very poor."

COUNTRY'S HONOUR MUST BE UPHELD

Ramrao Deshmukh On His Duty In South Africa As High Commissioner

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Mr. Ramrao M. Deshmukh, India's High Commissioner Designate for South Africa, speaking at a reception given in his honour said: "It would be an interesting study, to find out how Empire statesmen amongst whom some from South Africa were prominent reconciled their principles and pronouncements about the advantages of citizenship of the Empire with their conscience as exhibited in their treatment of internal problems.

"I am an optimist", Mr. Deshmukh said, "and I hope that things perhaps will turn out less dark than they appear from this distance: perhaps there is a way out awaiting more propitious times. Perhaps the causes that have given rise to the unfortunate situation are after all temporary and capable of improvement. Perhaps there is not such a complete absence of good-will as the situation appears to indicate."

Mr. Deshmukh added: One thing, however, is certain. Whatever might be Indians' feelings or even differences over their own domestic problem, South African situation is one question on which no difference of opinion existed in this country. The honour and dignity of the country must be upheld and a decent living condition for our countrymen has to be brought about.

"We have got to strive to achieve this purpose and the self-respect that is ours as a right of a great and historic nation. And to strive towards this end will naturally be my prime care and duty" he said.—A. P.

No Bajri Quota During Next Fortnight

BOMBAY, Friday.

A Press Note issued by the Supply Commissioner says:

Stocks of Bajri in Bombay have gone down on account of delay in movement from the surplus areas. It will not be possible, therefore, to supply bajri to ration-card holders in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District during the next fortnight. Large stocks of bajri have already been purchased in the surplus areas and their movement to Bombay is being expedited. As soon as sufficient stocks arrive issue of bajri will be resumed.

Meanwhile, the public is requested to take the food quota of millet in jowar which is available at all ration shops.—A.P.

ORDER ON SILK MERCHANTS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 1: By a notification issued under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance, the Controller General of Civil Supplies has directed all importers and wholesalers of pure and artificial silk yarn and silk fabrics in British India to maintain daily records of all sale and purchase transactions in respect of these yarns and fabrics and to submit to the Controller General of Civil Supplies, 1st Marine Street, Kalbadevi, Bombay 2, so as to reach him on or before the 15th day of every month separate statements of the stock position of these yarns and fabrics on the last day of the preceding month in a prescribed form showing the total stock, disposal during the month and the balance.—A. P.

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No Religious Propaganda On Justice Party Platform

MADRAS, Dec. 3.

The Executive Committee of the South Indian Liberal Federation (Justice Party) at its meeting yesterday resolved that "the Constitution should be so amended as to make it clear that while the party is open to all irrespective of caste or creed, the party platform or organisation should not be utilised for any religious propaganda either in favour of or against any religion or dogma."

The meeting which was presided over by Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddy was attended by among others Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty and Sir P. T. Rajan. It was decided to hold the next confederation at Madras early in February next.—A. P.

Grievances Of Ratnagiri Peasants

(From Our Correspondent.)

RATNAGIRI, Dec. 1.

The Ratnagiri District authorities have made a rule by which landlords residing in another village than the one in which their lands are situate, are prohibited from removing their crops to the place where they reside.

This rule is made under the local purchase scheme of the Government. It was expected that the rule would be enforced in a reasonable way. But the way it is being enforced is causing very serious hardship to agriculturists.

Very many landlords hold lands at a distance of a mile or even a furlong from their place of residence. The land is in one revenue village while the landlord resides in another village. Even in the case of cultivators of this description, the rule mentioned above is strictly applied; so that they are being prevented from removing their crops to their houses, simply because they are technically 'absentee' landlords (i.e. residing in a different village.)

It was expected that while enforcing the rule about absentee landlords, those who cultivate their own lands would be exempted from the rigours of the rule. But the rule is being stretched to ridiculous limits and as a result severe hardship is caused to cultivators. It is the duty of Government officials to enforce the rules in a humane and reasonable way. Cultivators who have personally (not by tenants) cultivated their own lands ought to be allowed to remove their crops to their places of residence.

GOAN SOCIETY ANNUAL DANCE

The Goan Folksong and Choral Society's fourth annual dance held on the tennis courts of the Catholic Gymkhana, Bombay, on Saturday night proved to be a highly enjoyable function. There were two bands in attendance, one was an American band, the Key Rookies, and the other was Micky Correa's, which provided the craziest jazzy music.

To the lilting melodies of the Yankee musicians nearly a thousand couples took the floor and danced to their heart's content.

The cabaret items which interspersed the night's repertoire sent the audience into ecstasies.

The Society will have netted in handsome proceeds from Saturday night's dance, credit for which must go to Miss Clare Mendonca and Mr. Simon Pereira, who are the life and breath of the Society.

Some light-fingered gentry decamped with half a dozen vanity bags with their contents.

Hindustani Dictionary Completed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2.

Dr. Abdulla Haq, Secretary of the Anjuman Taraqqi Urdu has now completed his Hindustani dictionary. He had undertaken this work at the request of the Bihar Government, about six years ago. The Hindustani Committee of the Bihar Government will now call a special meeting to approve the composition which will then be handed over to the Bihar Government.—Orient Press.

Negotiation For Ship-building In India

LONDON, Dec 2.

Dr. Nazir Ahmad, one of the Indian scientists who are now touring Britain, revealed that the Government of India had sent an official to London to negotiate with the British Government and shipbuilding industry with a view to organising India's shipbuilding industry.

It is learned that at the moment the Government of India official is trying to negotiate for small ships useful for coastal traffic; in the course of time, these ships will be built in Indian docks.—United Press.

Mr. Kantilal Ratilal Vora of Vile Parle stands first class first at "B. Com." examination of the University of Bombay held in October last, breaking all previous records in actuarial science, his special subject, by securing 258 out of 300 marks.

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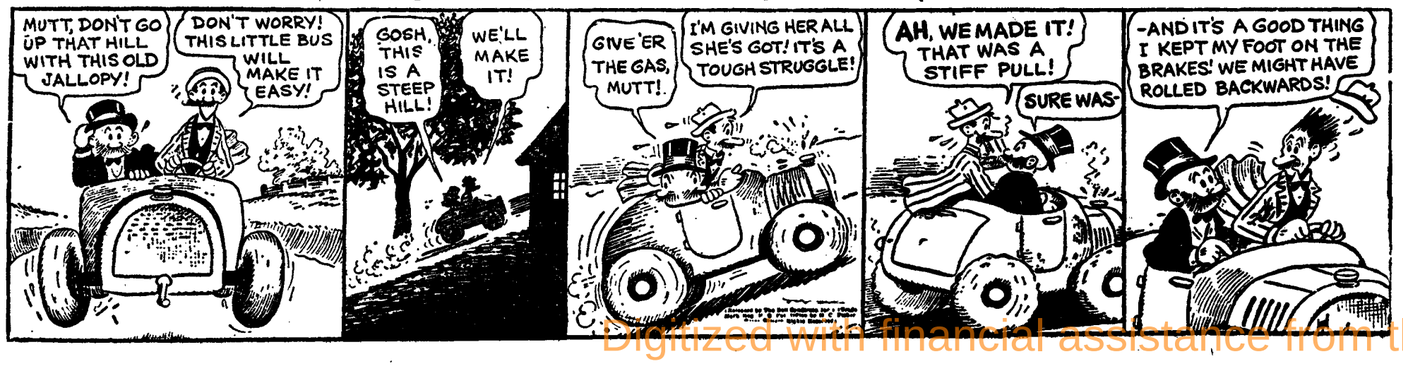
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ON 6TH DECEMBER 1944. DOWN TRAINS: 557 Dn. V. T. Dep. 13-45; 423 Dn. V. T. Dep. 14-40; 563 Dn. V. T. Dep. 15-40; 567 Dn. V. T. Dep. 16-10. UP TRAINS: 558 Up Kurla Dep. 14-40; 560 Up Kurla Dep. 14-50; 564 Up Kurla Dep. 16-25; 568 Up Kurla Dep. 17-00; 424 Up Thana Dep. 15-45. 1230

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
LEGAL ASSISTANT'S DEPARTMENT

Appointment of an Assistant to the Legal Assistant.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of an Assistant to the Legal Assistant. The applicant must be a practising Advocate (A. S.) of at least seven years' standing with good knowledge and experience of Small Causes Court and Police Court practice. The pay of the post is Rs. 200-10-300 plus dearness allowance (which is Rs. 18/- per month at present). The selected candidate will be required to serve whole time and will not be allowed private practice. He will be on probation for one year in the first instance and confirmed thereafter if his work is found to be satisfactory. He will be entitled to the benefits of the Municipal Leave and Provident Fund Regulations.

Applications stating age, nationality, qualifications, previous experience etc. should be submitted to the undersigned so as to reach him on or before 23rd December 1944. Copies of testimonials and certificates of age and physical fitness should accompany the applications.

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MANBHOY B. MANIAR.
Legal Assistant.
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BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY.

ORDER.

No. 18947|151.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-rule (2) of rule 89 of the Defence of India Rules, read with Government Notification, Home Department (Political), No. S.D. W. 641, dated the 21st February 1942, I, Harold Edwin Butler, Esquire, C.I.E., O.B.E., I.P., Commissioner of Police, Bombay, hereby amend my order No. 8923|151, dated the 25th June 1943, regarding carrying of six extra passengers in omnibuses as follows:—

Substitute the following for clause (a) of the said Order:—

" (a) Providing all the seats are occupied, an omnibus in the City of Bombay may carry six standing passengers in addition to the number of passengers according to the limit of its seating capacity prescribed under the Bombay Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940. As soon as a seat becomes vacant, it shall be occupied by a standing passenger who may not refuse to occupy it."

H. E. BUTLER,
Commisioner of Police,
Bombay.

Head Police Office,
Bombay, 17th November, 1944.
(1231)

NOTICE

Under Government Notification in the Finance Department (Supply) No. 45|B, dated the 31st December, 1943, as amended by Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply) No. 45|IV dated the 11th February 1944, an Order was issued by Bombay Government fixing the ex-mill price of groundnut oil cake in the Province at Rs. 75|- per ton including the cost of sound second-hand gunny bags without any holes or patching or stitching or darning on the surface of the bags That Order has now been amended, to take effect from 1st December 1944, and, as amended, it will stand as under:—

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to order that, with effect from the 1st December 1944, groundnut oil cake shall not be sold by any oil mill run on power machinery (i. e., expellers and rotaries) in the Province of Bombay at a price exceeding Rs. 60|- per ton including the cost of sound second-hand gunny bags without any holes or patching or stitching or darning on the surface of the bags, ex-godown of the mill. 1225.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for 1945-46 for 4 schedules viz.

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SCHEDULE II. Printing Inks and binding materials.

SCHEDULE III. Writing Inks, gloys, sealing wax and stencil ink.

SCHEDULE IV. Rubber stamps from manufacturers and accredited agents of the manufacturers in India and bonafide importers and stockists of foreign goods. Schedules and tender forms can be had from the office of the undersigned on advance payment of Rs. 2 by Indian Postal Order duly endorsed to the Superintendent, Government Printing, Bihar. All correspondence and tenders should be addressed by designation only.

Tenders will be received till 3 p. m. of 25th January 1945 and they will be publicly opened on 26th January 1945 at 2 p. m. except that for Schedule III which will be received up to 3 p. m. of 15th January 1945 and opened at 2 p. m. of 16th January 1945.

R. GHOSH,
Superintendent,
Govt. Printing, Bihar,
(1203) Gulzarbagh, Patna.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE

The following plots will be put to public auction by the undersigned in his office at 2-30 P.M. (S. T.) on the dates mentioned against them:—

Scheme	Estate or Locality	Plot No.	Approximate area in sq. yds.	User	Deposit payable Rs.	Date of auction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Municipal land to be leased temporarily for 5 years.						
	Land at the junction of Vithalwadi and Telwadi, bearing C. S. No. 149 of Bhuleshwar Division.		56	Unrestricted	500	12-12-44
Ex Trust plots to be leased.						
61	Fergusson Road	3	6,850	Factory, residences for persons connected with factory and shops for factory goods.	3,000	12-12-44
29	Nowroji Hill	86	380	Residences, garages, godowns & shops.	500	12-12-44
57	Sewri Wadala	157 (North)	712	Residences	1,000	12-12-44
		158 "	712	"	1,000	12-12-44
		159 "	720	"	1,000	12-12-44
29	Nowroji Hill Chinch Bunder Road)	42 (with building known as 'Shams Building')	414	Shops, offices, godowns & residences.	10,000	13-12-44
3	Sandhurst Road (East)	101 (with building known as 'Kalyan Mansion')	819	Shops, offices, godowns & residences.	10,000	13-12-44
3	Sandhurst Road (East)	102 (with building known as 'Sheriff Mansion')	819	"	10,000	13-12-44
Municipal plot to be sold outright						
	Plot situate at the junction of DeLisle Road and Fergusson Road.	Case No. M 4 (together with a one storeyed Bldg.)	444	Unrestricted	3,000	14-12-44
Ex Trust plots to be leased.						
29	Nowroji Hill (Chinch Bunder Road	(11 (with building known as 'Boot Building')	588	Shops, offices, godowns & residences.	10,000	14-12-44
29	Nowroji Hill (Dongri Street)	25 (with building known as 'Star Buildings).	613	"	10,000	14-12-44

Parties desiring to bid at the auction will have, prior to the auction to deposit with the Municipality the amount mentioned against each plot. If payment is to be made by cheques they should be sent at least 3 days prior to the date of auction. No cheques will be accepted on the date of auction except from recognised Architects or Brokers. An unsuccessful bidder for a plot can avail himself of his deposit for bidding for the next plot. A successful bidder, however, will have to pay a fresh deposit before bidding for the next plot. The deposit will be forfeited if the approved bidder withdraws his bid.

Copies of full particulars of auction and special conditions relating to the plots to be leased or sold together with a site plan will be supplied on application to the undersigned on payment of Annas Eight in each case.

The buildings can be inspected on any day as they are tenanted.

The conditions of the lease as also of sale and other particulars can be inspected at the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day except Saturday.

A. R. MANERIKAR,
Estate Agent & Land Manager.
Bombay, 2-12-1944. 1123

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
"Muharram Festival"

In view of the approaching "Muharram" festival the public are hereby warned against the erection of mandaps or booths on streets, without permission, as it constitutes an offence under the Municipal Act and renders the person responsible for the erection, liable to prosecution.

Persons desiring to erect mandaps, etc. in connection with the Muharram on any street, whether water-bound or treated with bituminous material etc. should apply to the City Engineer before 18th December 1944, when permission will be granted wherever feasible, free of charge, on receipt of an undertaking that holes made in the roads will be filled in and the roads reinstated to their original condition to the satisfaction of the City Engineer immediately after the festival is over.

M. D. BHAT,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay. 17th November 1944. 1222.

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

Vacancies exist in the Naval Store Department, R. I. N., for Civilian appointments as Typists and Clerk|Typists in the scale of Rs. 50-3-80—E. B.—4-120 (commencing at Rs. 59|- p.m.) plus Dearness Allowance.

Candidates for posts of typist should possess speed of at least 40 w. p. m.

Applications in writing with copies of testimonials should be forwarded to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, (India), Albert Building, Hornby Road, Bombay by 6-12-44. 1213

LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
Insolvency No. 128 of 1944

Re: ARDESHIR P. PATEL residing at Chawpaty, Bombay:
A Debtor.

Ex parte: FRAMROZ D. LANGRANA Petitioning Creditor.

On the 7th day of November 1944 an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1944.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar.
(1221)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
NOTICE.
Temporary Reduction in Bombay Suburban Train Service

Owing to difficulty in maintaining and repairing electric trains, it is regretted that there will be a considerable reduction in the number of electric suburban trains run with immediate effect. The public are therefore advised to avoid travelling as far as possible and suburban residents should stay in Bombay if they are able to do so. The service will be restored as early as possible. 1220.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client Mr. BHARDWAJ HARGOVANDAS THAKAR has been taken into partnership by Thakar Girdharlal Bhagwandas in his business of Sabarkantha Bording House situate behind the Mombadevi Post Office, Bombay, on and from the 25th day of May 1944. Our client Mr. Bhardwaj Hargovandas Thakar has nothing to do with the outstanding or liabilities of the Sabarkantha Boarding House prior to his being taken as a partner viz., 25th day of May 1944, which shall be recoverable and payable by Thakar Girdharlal Bhagwandas only.

Dated this 29th day of November, 1944.

Messrs. VAKIL DADABHOY & BHARUCHA,
Solicitors, Bombay.
(1201)

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE AT AHMEDABAD.

Civil Misc. Appln. No. 98 of 1944.

In the matter of the winding up petition of the Great Home Life Assurance Co., Ltd., having its registered office near Panchkuva Gate, Admedabad.

Petitioner: The Superintendent of Insurance, Simla.
Vs.
Opponents: The Great Home Life Assurance Co., Ltd.

Under orders of the District Court of Ahmedabad in the above matter I am directed to invite scheme for the working of the Company which may be submitted in details to the undersigned on or before the 20th of December 1944 for being placed before the Honourable Court for necessary orders after hearing parties.

NAVINCHANDRA M. DESAI,
Provisional Liquidator.
Akashethkuva Street,
Raipur, Ahmedabad,
D|24th November, 1944. (1212)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.
SHARE CERTIFICATES BURNT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that following share Certificates of different Companies standing in the name of our client Mr. Bhogilal Bhikhalal have been burnt in the fire due to explosion in Bombay on the 14th April 1944. All persons having any lien, claim or interest of any kind in the same are requested to inform the respective companies within one month from the date hereof, after which the Companies will be requested to issue duplicate Certificates:—

1. Three hundred shares of Burma Corporation Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
100 Shares Nos. 6069562-6069661
100 Shares Nos. 6969654-6969753
100 Shares Nos. 3290476-3290575

2. Ten Shares of the Bradbury Mills Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
5 Shares Nos. 503, 504, 505 and 553, 2554.
5 Shares Nos. 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053

3. One Share of Phoenix Mills Ltd. bearing No. 4824.

4. Five shares of The Gujrat Railway Co. Ltd. bearing Nos. 34017-34021.

5. Fifty shares of Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
298364-298383 273222-273231
117861-117864 163256-163265,
296104-296108, 461946.

6. One Hundred shares of the Mukund Iron Steel Co., Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
Five Shares Nos.: 65721-65725, 67646-67650.
Forty Shares Nos. 67651-67660 72381-72390, 65701-65710, 65711-65720.
Fifty shares Nos. 77081-77130.

7. Five Ordinary Shares of The Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
5 Shares Nos. 81498-81502.

8. Five Hundred shares of the Burma Petroleum Co., Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
100 Shares Nos. 1764300-1764399
100 Shares Nos. 2703401-2703500.
100 Shares Nos. 3077501-3077600
100 Shares Nos. 2709041-2709140
100 Shares Nos. 630634-630733.

9. Ten shares of the Bombay Tramways Co., Ltd. bearing the following Numbers:—
5 Shares Nos. 228509-228513
5. Shares Nos. 564824-564828.

10. Fifty Shares of the Chitavalsah Jute Mills Ltd. bearing the following numbers:—
50 Shares Nos. 78951-79000

11. One Hundred shares of the Nasakarpare Jute Mills Ltd. bearing Nos. 114868-114967.

12. Five shares of Basti Sugar Mills Ltd. bearing Nos. 1051-1055.

13. Fifty Shares of the Rajagiri Rubber Produce Co., Ltd. bearing Nos. 47535-47584.

Bombay dated this 1st day of December, 1944.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Attorneys for
MR. BHOGILAL BHIKHALAL
(1226)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the title deed relating to the immovable property situate at Falkland Road, 7th Cross Lane bearing New Survey No. 5587 and Cadastral Survey No. 957 of Girgaum Division Collector's New No. 14011, Municipal "G" Ward No. 2277 Old Street No. 6 New Street No. 9 belonging to and forming part of the estate of Haji Khadi Khan Mehebulakhan deceased the father of our clients Mr. A. G. Khan and others and held under a lease dated 24th May 1906 between Bomanjee Shapurjee Chothia and Haji Ebrahim Goolam Russol have been lost or mislaid.

Any person in whose possession the said documents may be is hereby requested to inform the undersigned of the same and to make known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 40-44 Karim Chambers, Hamam Street, Fort Bombay, if he makes or has any claim to the said property within 14 days from the date hereof after which period no such claim shall be considered and the same if any will be considered as waived.

JANI & MERCHANT,
Attorneys for Mr. A. G. Khan & Others.
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NOTICE

RUSTOMJI MUNCHERJI JUSSAWALLA administrator of the estate of BHICAIJI, daughter of MUNCHERJI MERWANJI JUSSAWALLA and others have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim in to or upon the said property or any part thereof are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at No. 17-19, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay within fourteen days from the date hereof.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

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Dated this 1st day of December, 1944.

FRAMJI J. JESIA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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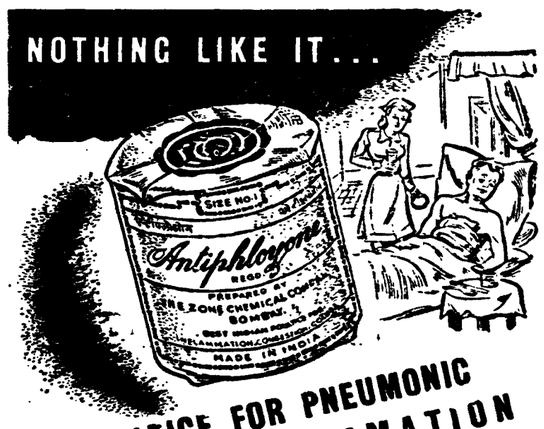
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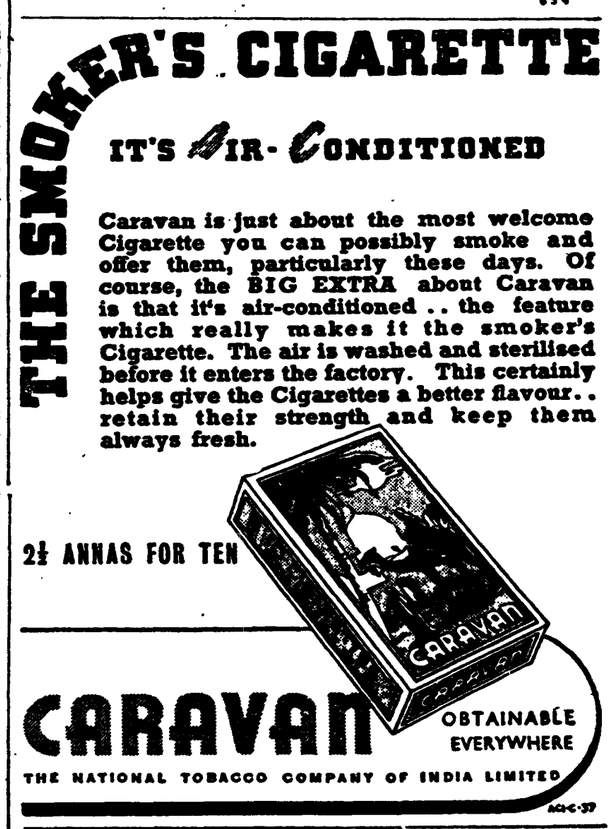
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